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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION)

Gentlemen :

My Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1958 is as follows :-
(in conformity with Form Port 20)

SECTION I - STAFF

(no change)

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the M.O.H.	By Sanitary Inspector	Number of Ships inspected as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board.
Foreign Ports	581	14525	61	17	1
Coastwise	545	174481	32	115	Nil
	1126	189006	93	132	1

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

Character of Shipping This consists mainly of Coastwise steamers or motor vessels. Only one passenger carrying ship used the Port - the R.M.S. "Scillonion" which runs regularly between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly. In addition a variable number of steamers (average 500 tons) from Foreign Ports, almost exclusively Northern European use the port of Newlyn to loan crushed stone, French Dutch, Belgian and

occasionally Spanish Trawlers call at Newlyn to land fish.

Character of Trade The bulk of the cargoes landed at Penzance consists of Coal and General goods from Home Ports. The majority of Foreign going vessels load stone (blue elvin) from Newlyn Quarry. There is an active fishing industry at Newlyn and a growing industry for small ship repairing at Penzance. The R.M.S. "Scillonion" exports General goods to the Isles of Scilly from Penzance and lands Flowers and Agricultural produce from the Isles of Scilly at Penzance.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Inwards Outwards	approx. 17,500 Day-Trippers, Holiday Makers and Business people to and from the Isles of Scilly during the year.
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports	General Goods, Coal, Cement, Wood, Flowers and Agricultural products.
	Principal Exports	General Goods to the Isles of Scilly, Stone to Home and Foreign Ports.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive. Home Ports and the Channel Ports of France, Belgium and Holland.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

No change.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No change.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Small Pox would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.

2. Ambulance Transport and vaccinal state of ambulance crews are the responsibility of the Cornwall County Council

3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of four Consultants would be requested to supply the services of a Smallpox Consultant.

4. Facilities for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

(No change)

SECTION IX - Cases of Infectious or other notifiable Diseases on Ships

One case of active Pulmonary Tuberculosis was ascertained on a French fishing boat. He was returned to Brest in his own boat. The Port Medical Officer at Brest was notified by Radio in order that the necessary arrangements might be made for the reception of the patient, the supervision of contacts and the disinfection of t the boat. Otherwise, a Nil Return.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil Return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil Return

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No facilities for the de-ratting ships exist either at Penzance or Newlyn

TABLES E AND F

Nil Returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G. INSPECTIONS AND NUISANCES

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Ships from Foreign Ports	78	Nil	Nil	-
Coastwise Ships	147	Nil	3 (dirty latrines)	Nuisance abated before leaving port.
Total	225	Nil	3	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Not Applicable.

SECTION XV MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not Applicable

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Nil Return

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) W. Leslie, M.O.H.